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**HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1** 

AZ CORP COMMISSION

DATE PREPARED: September 26, 2005

COMPANY: Chaparral City Water Co.

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## **"7. Depreciation Expense**

The Company's application showed test year depreciation expense of \$920,648. The Company did not perform a depreciation study, but chose instead to base its depreciation rates on Staff's developed typical and customary depreciation rates (Bourassa Rb at 2, Rj. at 17). Based on its proposed plant in service amounts, the Company proposed test year adjusted depreciation expense of \$1,432,828 (Bourassa Ri. Sched. C-1, p. 1). Staff accepted the Company's use of Staff's developed typical and customary depreciation rates to calculate its proposed test year adjusted depreciation expense of \$1,365,295, based on its proposed plant in service (Moe Sb. Sched. JRM-24). RUCO disagrees with the use of Staff's developed typical and customary depreciation rates and proposes the use of a different set of depreciation rates instead, as discussed in Section XI hereinbelow. Using its proposed depreciation rates, RUCO proposed test year adjusted depreciation expense of \$1,113,339, based on its proposed plant in service amounts (Moore Dt. Sched. RLM-10, p. 1 of 2). Applying RUCO's proposed depreciation rates to the plant in service amounts approved herein would result in test year adjusted depreciation expense of approximately \$1,139,194. Consistent with our discussion of appropriate (D)

depreciation rates in Section XI hereinbelow, we adopt test year adjusted depreciation expense of \$1,432,828, based on the plant in service amounts authorized herein and using the depreciation rates proposed by the Company and Staff."

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"The result of using the depreciation rates RUCO recommends would reduce depreciation expense by approximately \$200,000 (Hrg. Exh. A-30)"